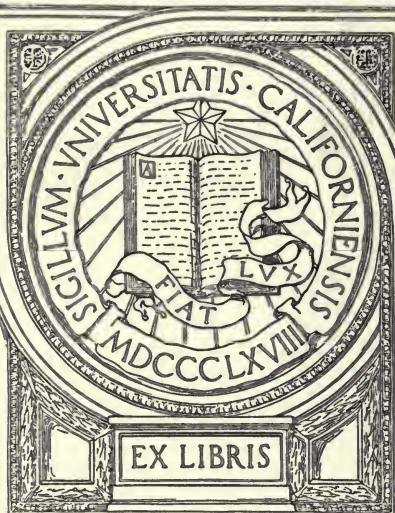


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10- New Mexico (Ter.) Convention, 1846

PETITION

OF

THE PEOPLE OF NEW MEXICO,

Assembled in convention, praying the organization of a territorial government.

DECEMBER 13, 1848.

Referred to the Committee on Territories, and ordered to be printed.

Petition of the people of New Mexico, assembled in convention, to the Congress of the United States of America.

We, the people of New Mexico, respectfully petition Congress for the speedy organization by law of a territorial civil government for us.

We respectfully petition Congress to grant us a government purely civil in its character.

We respectfully represent that the organic and statute laws promulgated by authority of the United States, September 22, 1846, for the temporary civil government of New Mexico, (a copy of which is herewith despatched,) with some few alterations, would be acceptable to us.

We desire the following offices be filled by appointment of the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate: the governor, secretary of State, United States marshal, United States district attorney, and judges.

We desire to have all the usual rights of appeal from the courts of this Territory to the Supreme Court of the United States.

We respectfully but firmly protest against the dismemberment of our Territory in favor of Texas, or for any cause.

We do not desire to have domestic slavery within our borders, and until the time shall arrive for our admission into the Union as a State, we desire to be protected by Congress against their introduction amongst us.

We desire a local legislature such as is prescribed in the laws of New Mexico, September 22, 1846, subject to the usual acts of Congress.

We desire that our interests may be represented by a delegate who is to be entitled to have a seat on the floor of the Congress of the United States.

In consideration of the fact that New Mexico contains from 75,000 to 100,000 souls, we believe that we have made no unreasonable requests,

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and we confidently rely upon Congress to provide for us laws as liberal as any enjoyed by any of her Territories.

SANTA FE, October 14, 1848.

ANTONIO JOSE MARTINEZ,

Presidente de la Condados de las, &c.

J. M. GIDDINGS, *Secretary.*

FRANCISCO SARRAINO.

JAMES H. QUINN.

GREGORIO VIGIL.

V. VIGIL.

JUAN PEREA.

ANTONIO SACERLE.

RAMON CRUOS.

CHARLES BEAUBIEN.

E. P. WEST.

MANUAL ANTONIO OTERO.

S. ARCHABALD.

JOSE PLEY.

Peticion del Pueblo del Nuevo Mejico reunido en convencion al Congreso de los Estados Unidos de America :

El Pueblo del Nuevo Mejico respetuosamente pedimos al Congreso una pronta organisacion de leyes para un gobierno civil territorial adecuada á las circunstancias de nuestro pais.

Pedimos respetuosamente al Congreso que el gobierno que se nos conceda sea de un caracter puramente civil.

Respetuosamente solicitamos que la ley organica y estatutos promulgados por autoridad de los Estados Unidos el dia 22 de Setiembre, 1846, provisionalmente para gobierno civil de Nuevo Mejico (copia de lo cual remitimos,) con algunas alteraciones, nos seria deseable.

Deseamos que los destinos de gobernador, secretario de estado, alguacil mayor, procurador general, y jueces, sean llenados por nombramiento del Presidente de los Estados Unidos con el consentimiento y la aprobacion del Senado.

Deseamos tener el derecho acostumbrado de apelacion de las cortes de este territorio á la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos.

Con el respecto debido, solicitamos encarecidamente que ni á favor de Tejas, ni por ninguna otra causa, se permite el desmembramiento de nuestro territorio.

Por ninguna causa deseamos la esclavitud domestica dentro de nuestros limites, y rogamos al Congreso que nos protije contra su introduccion hasta el ser admitidos en la Union como Estado libre.

Deseamos una legislatura local tal como está prescrita por las leyes del Nuevo Mejico promulgadas en Setiembre 22 de 1846, sujeta á los actos acostumbrados del Congreso.

Deseamos que nuestros intereses sean representados por un delegado que tenga derecho á un asiento en el Congreso de los Estados Unidos.

Tomando en consideracion que el Nuevo Mejico contiene de 75 á 100 mil almas, creemos que no hemos hecho una peticion inmoderada, y descansamos en la confianza que el Congreso nos proveera con leyes igualmente liberales como las que gozan los demas territorios de la Union.

SANTA FE, Octubre 14 de 1848.

